

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF RYE



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2020 annual report of the City of Rye Police Department. The information contained in this report highlights the activities and accomplishments of our officers and support staff throughout the year. It also reflects the dedication the Department has in keeping Rye a truly wonderful place to work, live, raise a family or just plain visit. The resolute officers of the Rye Police department continue to train and educate themselves to preserve the safe and healthy environment that makes Rye and its residents a special place.

The Police Department and the Rye PBA continue their relationships with various Rye community groups like the YMCA, Merchants Association, Rye Recreation, RyeAct, Toys for Tots, Rye Library, charitable organizations, and the numerous sports programs. The department provides assistance during city based events including annual parades, swims and races, and other public gatherings. Unfortunately the circumstances of COVID did not allow for many outdoor/indoor events in 2020, but we are looking forward to the reopening those events 2021.

2020 Police Department Accomplishments

- Managed and oversaw the evolving COVID protocols for the Police Department. This included shift changes, facilities management, PPE etc. Cell phones were purchased for patrol vehicles to be utilized to contact complainants/victims. The new protocols were used to limit officer exposure to this deadly virus.
- In May an incident took place in Minnesota that quickly traveled around the world and did include Rye itself. Coordinated with City officials and other police agencies in reaching out to the leaders of these groups to assist in having a safe and structured event/protests.
- A new officer was assigned to the Marine Unit to begin the process of upgrading and improving the Marine Patrol activities at the Rye Marina and Long Island Sound waters. This was a season in which Covid protocols made things quite abnormal and at one point it seemed most people were either golfing or going boating for recreational activities. In 2021 the Marine Unit will be focusing on mooring issues that have been improving over the years.
- In June the Governor demanded that police departments initiate and complete a comprehensive “Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” by April 2021. This process has included members of the Rye police and is anticipating completion on time this April to successfully improve policing in the coming year.

As we began to move forward with the nicer weather the Department was becoming more active with enforcement of the COVID restrictions that seemed to change almost on a daily basis. It was no longer the enforcement of things like red lights, speeding etc..... It was more the enforcement of wear your mask, stay 6 ft apart, too many people too close etc..... unfortunately the department did not keep count of the various violations of COVID but the time spent on it sure lowered our usual numbers in reviewing the issuances of other violations.

By late summer a turbulent Presidential election was in play and once again there were numerous rally's protest and lots of contention to go with it. The department coordinated with other department from around the area to coordinate safe events and anticipate any mayhem or destruction. Many of these rally's caused some disruption to the usual bucolic area that Rye is. With the Rye Police presence these disruptions were kept to a minimum.

In closing once again the men and women of the Rye Police Department are proud to serve their community, they serve with the very best intentions for the community. The officers are well trained and very proud to be a member of such an elite group that will continue to serve and protect.



City of Rye Police Department Statistical Overview

The principal mission of the Police Department is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and the maintenance of order in public places; to preserve the quality of life pursuant to the Rye City Code; and to anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

Traffic Enforcement

Moving violations by category

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
Red Light	49	17	3	11	5	36
Stop Sign	76	7	0	4	4	15
Speeding	221	46	44	49	26	165
Disobey Sign/Device	772	140	13	49	22	224
Alcohol/Drug Related	35	5	2	8	5	20

Unlicensed Operation	280	75	13	32	40	160
Other M/V Infractions	1,085	187	36	88	129	440
Inspection	185	105	3	4	7	119
Registration	330	76	14	41	60	191
Equipment	762	191	14	54	53	312
Seat Belt	35	3	0	3	4	10
Cell Phone	170	14	3	16	7	40
Marine Navigation Law	1	0	1	4	3	8
TOTAL	4,001	866	146	363	365	1,740

City Code Violations

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
	57	8	2	5	21	36

Parking Violations

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
	2,683	572	187	194	358	1,311

Arrests

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
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Persons Arrested	119	27	8	23	14	72
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Calls for Service – TOTAL

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
	24,839	5,683	4,692	5,273	4,846	20,494

Calls for Service – SELECTED CATEGORIES

Does not include criminal complaints

Does not include all calls for service

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
Aided (Medical Emergencies)	1,016	226	175	191	189	781
Alarms – Burglary	727	137	93	160	114	504
Alarms – Other	75	32	37	155	52	276
Motor Vehicle Accidents	414	63	37	66	64	230
Suspicious Persons	183	30	28	35	32	125
Suspicious Vehicles	205	37	52	47	32	168
Domestic Incidents	44	15	12	14	6	47
Missing Persons/Children	4	0	0	1	0	1
Assist Citizen	816	166	179	229	193	767
Assist Other Agency	281	49	59	80	70	258
Animal Complaints	153	25	31	34	37	127
City Code Violations	200	36	141	73	66	316
Prisoner Transport	50	5	0	1	0	6
Public Event	27	5	5	2	1	13
School Crossing (P.O.)	2	8	0	4	0	12

Utility Emergency	151	15	28	60	37	140
Dark House Checks	2	1	6	3	2	12
Disabled Vehicle	118	15	15	31	19	80
Disorderly Conduct	34	4	6	5	3	18
E911 Hang-up	52	15	8	11	13	47
Environmental Conservation	40	0	0	21	42	63
Extra Patrol Request	224	34	110	96	28	268
Fire	16	3	0	1	4	8
Fireworks	15	0	11	8	0	19
Road Condition/Hazard	208	43	29	41	25	138
Tree Down	35	7	11	53	18	89
Gun Shots Fired	0	1	0	2	1	4
Noise/Neighborhood Comp	183	38	78	65	59	240
Health/Safety Hazards	20	2	7	4	0	13
Recovered Property	5	7	3	13	4	27
Hazardous Material	1	0	0	0	0	0
Property Checks	10,163	2,406	2,658	2,492	2,267	9,823
Operation Safeguard	976	421	171	93	424	1,109
ABC Law Checks	6	0	0	0	2	2
Total	16,446	3,846	3,990	4,091	3,804	15,731

Investigations

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2020
Cases Opened -- General	447	0	0	0	0	444
Cases Opened -- Youth	34	0	0	0	0	25

Resources

	2019	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	YE 2020
Authorized Sworn Headcount	36	36	36	35	37	37
Long Term Sick/Injured	0	0	0	1	1	0
Restricted Duty*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Available for Patrol**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfilled Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrol Strength	31	31	31	29	31	31

* Indicates sworn officer not able to perform patrol duty due to medical or other condition

** Indicates sworn officer not available for patrol for other reason, i.e., Police Academy, Field Training, etc.



PATROL DIVISION

The City of Rye Police Department's Uniformed Patrol Division responded to 20,494 calls for service in 2020. The Patrol division issued 1,740 Vehicle and Traffic summonses; 1,311 parking summonses (does not include the Parking Enforcement Officers); 36 City Code summonses, made 72 arrests for charges related to Violations and Crimes.

As we are all aware 2020 was not a normal year for any of us. The first two and half months were off to a routine start and then our world was turned upside down. The sheer nature of our role in the community is personal contact with individuals. As police officers a large percentage of our calls for service are aided cases. Due to Covid we had to change our way of doing business. We had to ensure our officers were protected from

the disease while still allowing us to respond to our resident's needs. We spent a great deal of time re-writing many of our department policies and protocols and implementing new ones in order to keep our people safe.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) became a hot commodity that we were all competing for to outfit our officers and have enough stock on hand to get us through 24 hour days, 7 days a week. We had to lock down our building to public access and create a new way to service our "walk in" customers, and vendors that needed access to service our equipment. As a small department we share many pieces of equipment amongst the officers, from patrol cars to computers to locker rooms, to the dispatch area etc. that all had to now be sanitized after every use and shift. We had officers who came in contact with Covid-19 positive individuals during routine calls who then had to be quarantined. We were faced with how to quarantine those officers? We don't want them to go home and possibly expose their families, so we set up temporary sleeping quarters throughout city buildings if the need arose to quarantine an officer who could not go home. We had to set up protocols to send officers for Covid testing once exposed and contact trace anyone who they may have had contact with. Due to the heightened risk of infection our operation became more reactive than proactive in our enforcement efforts. This changed approach combined with less vehicles on the road, businesses closed, lack of commuters, leisure activities cancelled all impacted our statistical data on calls for service, vehicle and traffic enforcement, arrests and general interaction with the community. All of the city's annual public events were cancelled which traditionally gives us a positive opportunity for interaction with our residents, visitors and merchants.

Once we had a decent handle on our Covid protocols and response procedures the unfortunate event of the death of George Floyd would change policing forever. During the height of the pandemic we were now faced with numerous protest marches both in the City of Rye and in other jurisdictions within Westchester that we had to respond to. Officers were vilified just because of the uniform we wear for the unjust actions of a few. All of us at the Rye Police Department condemned what happened in Minnesota but yet we were treated like the enemy by some, this has had a significant effect on officer morale throughout the country.

The men and women of the Rye Police Department continued answering our calls for service, the Uniform Patrol Division traveled thousands of miles patrolling the streets of Rye while on their posts. There no longer was routine patrol in an officer's tour with all the new challenges that we faced.

The Patrol Division includes the Village Patrol, the Marine Unit, the Traffic Unit, and the Parking Enforcement Officers. The Patrol Division consists of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants and twenty-five Patrol Officers (at full staffing). The Adopt a School program functions out of the Patrol Division where uniform members were assigned specific schools. The officers assigned to this detail would interact both with the faculty and the children at their assigned schools, when students had in-person learning. Officers would stop in periodically from their assigned post patrols to foster the police department's relationship with the schools. The officers from the Patrol Division also assist each of the school's with their Lock Down drills, this helps both the school and the police department to understand the protocols of each.

This past year we were fortunate to hire three additional police officers to backfill officers who had retired or separated from service in 2019-2020. The three new officers that we hired were experienced officers from other police agencies. After a six week in house in-service training assignment with our field training officers they all successfully passed and were placed into patrol. The advantage of having an experienced officer was that we did not need to send them to the police academy allowing us to put them in service much faster than a new hire. An inexperienced new hire typically takes 9 months before we can put them out on patrol. Once these three officers were trained and placed into service we could then re-staff our Village Officer position.

We continued to see success with our dedicated Traffic Enforcement officer. It allowed the department to focus on specific enforcement issues in problem areas. The department continues to deploy mobile License Plate Readers (LPR's) on our marked patrol vehicles. This technology immediately scans all the license plates within range and will signal the officer if it spots stolen cars, wanted persons, Amber alerts etc. These LPR units along with our in-car video systems store all the data that they process and has successfully been used in criminal investigations. We will continue to expand upon our stationary License Plate reader technology at strategic intersections that will greatly assists us in our crime solving capacity.

In 2020 we continued to benefit having a trained Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officer on staff. As we continue to see states decriminalize recreational use marihuana, officers need to adjust their approach to recognizing impaired drivers. Having our own officer as a DRE allows us to utilize the officer's enhanced training as needed and help out some of our Westchester County partners when asked. The DRE program trains officers to become Drug Recognition Experts in the area of Drug/Impaired drivers. This training is sponsored by the International Chiefs of Police and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and was conducted by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. The changes in marihuana prosecutions when it comes to impaired driving will rely heavily on DRE's expertise.





The Police Department works closely with other law enforcement agencies investigating and making arrests of criminal activity in Rye. Through these partnerships we continue to maintain a safe community for our residents.

The City of Rye Police Department is a member of the New York State Office of Homeland Security Counter Terrorism. We take an active role in staying current on national and international terrorism threats and events. As part of our diligence in fighting terrorism we participate in Operation Safeguard. Operation Safeguard is a program where officers on patrol pay special attention to critical infrastructure, religious sites, transportation facilities, areas of mass gatherings and other suspicious or unusual activity.

The City of Rye Police Department in cooperation with the Westchester County District Attorney's office participates in a program called TIP411. This program allows anyone with a smartphone, tablet, cellphone or computer to submit tips anonymously to the police department about criminal or suspicious activity. The police department also set up an anonymous TIPLINE that will allow TIPS to be submitted by phone, e mail and text.

Remember if you ***See Something Say Something***. Conduct itself does not have to be criminal for you to report it.



The majority of calls for service handled by the City of Rye Police Department's Patrol Division in 2020, excluding criminal complaints are broken down as follows:

- 230 – Accident calls (motor vehicle)
- 781 – Aided/Ambulance requests
- 504 – Alarms (Burglar)
- 276 – Alarms (Non-Burglar)
- 106 – Animal related calls
- 767 – Assist citizen calls
- 69 – Assist Fire Department
- 152 – Assist other Police Departments
- 75 – City Code violations
- 12 – Dark house checks
- 80 – Disabled Vehicles
- 18 – Disorderly Conduct/disturbance
- 37 – Dog Complaints
- 47 - Domestic Violence
- 47 – E 911 Hang up calls
- 63 – Environmental conservation complaints

- 268 – Extra Patrol Request
- 8 – Fire
- 19 – Fireworks
- 26 – Funeral Escorts
- 4 – Gunshots fired
- 68 – Hand mail details
- 13 – Health and Safety hazards
- 3 – Illegal Dumping
- 364 – Illegally Parked Vehicles
- 0 – Missing Child
- 1 – Missing Persons
- 240 – Neighborhood Trouble/noise complaints
- 1,109 – Operation Safeguard patrols
- 6 – Prisoner Transports
- 9,823 – Property Checks
- 9 – Prowler
- 13 – Public Events
- 27 – Recovered Property
- 138 – Road Hazard
- 2,790 – Rules of the road
- 12 – School crossing (PEO's)
- 21 – Subpoena served
- 125 – Suspicious persons
- 168 – Suspicious vehicles
- 17 – Taxi inspections
- 71 – Tree down
- 140 – Utility problems
- 36 – V&T complaints



RECORDS MANAGEMENT/TECHNOLOGY

The Police Department's records/staff services division is responsible for the daily management of reports including incidents, arrests, summonses, and accidents. This office is also responsible for ensuring that the proper paperwork is filed with the court for both criminal and civil cases. The criminal warrants issued by the court are input into the e-Justice portal by this division. To round out the records division responsibilities: website maintenance, alarm processing oversight and the ongoing NYS accreditation project coordination are also managed here.

Computer system administration and IT coordination for all the Police Department law enforcement software applications, coordination of outside vendors, NYS electronic ticketing program (TraCS), and CARFAX accident reporting are administered through this office. The police department's software and hardware procurements are managed through this office. The maintenance, security and training for the NYS Criminal Justice Portal users are also overseen by this division.



Amid the pandemic we received our order of new computers and modems. Through the efforts of this Department, the Public Works Department and outside vendors we were able to safely have seven patrol vehicles outfitted with new equipment. This has seen a dramatic drop in vehicles being out of service for computer related issues, which allows officers to patrol our community with greater efficiency.

RECORDS/STAFF SERVICES 2020

- ❖ The records/staff services division processed 24,494 calls for service, 1,311 parking summonses, 36 city code summonses, 1,740 VTL summonses, and 72 arrests.
- ❖ Police statistical reporting through NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System), continues as a function of the records department. Crime Statistics are reported monthly to the state using our records management software and the NYS online portal.
- ❖ The records division continues to manage and maintain the department's accreditation status.
- ❖ The annual taxi application and inspections were processed through this office.
- ❖ The department maintains the City's alarm permits process, including input and billing.
- ❖ Staff services continues to maintain the department's PowerDMS site.
- ❖ The fulfillment of police reports continue to be a large component of this office. Hundreds of requests for copies were handled in a professional and timely manner.

Technology Highlights 2020

- ❖ Purchased body worn cameras for the Department.
- ❖ The Department continues to participate in data sharing with the Westchester Intel Center (WIC).
- ❖ The NYS Traffic and Criminal Interface Software (TRaCS) continues to be used by the patrol division.
- ❖ CARFAX, continues to be an efficient service for the public to obtain their motor vehicle accident reports.

- ❖ The Guardian Tracking Software Program (Personnel Management) continues to be utilized by the department.
- ❖ PowerDMS is utilized to distribute general orders, communication orders, and roll call training.
- ❖ Instagram and Facebook Department pages are utilized to keep followers aware of happenings that may impact the community.
- ❖ Continued work on improvement of radio communications.
- ❖ Ongoing worked to comply with the rigid guidelines set in place regarding new Discovery Law.
- ❖ Installed updated computer equipment and modems in all marked units.
- ❖ Implemented an updated Police identification system.
- ❖ Installed flat screen monitors in the desk area to allow monitoring of fixed LPR sites.
- ❖ An additional signal booster was installed to aid data transfer.
- ❖ Continued the use of social media to keep followers informed of happenings that impact the community.
- ❖ Implemented new scheduling software.

Moving Forward in 2021

In 2021, in addition to the aforementioned tasks, programs, and responsibilities, new projects will include:

- Installing improved in-car cameras.
- Utilizing body worn cameras.
- Power DMS Software Program will be used to digitalize our accreditation process with NYS.
- Plan to expand on our stationary LPR systems installed in the City.
- Look to innovate and cost effective ways to handle hardware and software issues.
- Continued research of CAPS for the ability to provide a civilian fingerprinting service.
- Continue efforts to improve radio communication.
- Look to improve virtual arraignment capabilities.
- Look to improve mobile, records management and dispatching software.

This division remains focused on planning and keeping pace with the ever changing advancements in technology to better the operations of the department.



PARKING



PEOs Monahan and Glew issued 7,179 parking tickets in 2020, amounting to \$ 220,560 in parking fines (\$238,451 with penalties and fines paid). Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, parking ticket numbers are slightly down with only about 900 less summonses being issued when compared to 2019. Last year was a significantly challenging year with the pandemic; balancing a need to enforce the laws and rules while taking into consideration the many struggles people in the community were suffering through. Meter payment is now required up until 9:00pm, which added to the challenge of enforcement during a difficult year. Both PEO's remain available to fill in for school crossing duty should the City's contractor not be able to supply a guard at their contracted locations.



ENFORCEMENT

Detective Division

The Detective Division consists of:

Detective Lieutenant Mike Anfuso - Auto Crimes and Narcotics Investigations

Senior Detective Michael Anderson - Fraud & Financial Crimes

Detective Jon Klein - Division's tech specialist

Detective Gabe Caputo - Handles all cases involving youths

This year due to the pandemic more than ever before we have had the challenge of having to enforce the law and live in this moment. Our job has become finding a balance between Law Enforcement and Public Health.

The Detective Division logged 444 cases and made 15 arrests in 2020. The community saw an increase in stolen vehicles from 17 in 2019 to 28 in 2020. Of the 28 vehicles stolen 27 have been recovered to date. We utilized social media to remind the public to make sure they are locking unoccupied vehicles and bringing in their keys at night.

Along with the rise in stolen cars, 36 residents reported their vehicles entered and property stolen in 2020. Information gathered by detectives was shared with several local departments in the Sound Shore area and utilized in the arrest of several juveniles from the state of Connecticut.

We continued to send Officers to work shifts at the Westchester County Real Time Crime Center. Detective Jon Klein, Officer Lance Hinrichs, Officer Christopher Salguero alternated working weekly.

Detective Caputo attended FBI Crime Scene Investigator's school as well as the Reid Interview Interrogation course. Due to the pandemic training was limited in 2020.

2020 Year End Report

The Detective Division consists of two general investigation detectives, one youth detective, and a supervisor. The day to day operations consists of evidence management, background checks, internal investigations, Warrants, as well as general and youth investigations. Below are some of the highlights from 2020.

Forcible Touching – An individual was investigated and arrested for the forcible touching of his step daughter. In November of 2020 the defendant was indicted on a charge of Sexual Abuse 1st degree.

Burglary – An individual was charged with committing four burglaries in the City of Rye as well as five other Westchester Communities. Information gathered by Rye Detectives was key in the apprehension and indictment of the defendant.

Burglary – 3 Individuals were indicted on committing 3 Burglaries in the City of Rye. The defendants were part of a 47 count indictment involving seven Westchester County Police Departments.

House Party Assault – Several juveniles were investigated for attacking a Rye High School junior at an underage drinking party in Rye. The lengthy investigation took several weeks as detectives interviewed uncooperative witnesses. The investigation led to the arrest of an 18 year old Harrison man for assault.

Criminal Trespass – Detective Caputo arrested two Rye High school juveniles for breaking into Midland School as well as the Community Synagogue of Rye.

Narcotics Investigation – Working off of a tip from a resident Detectives started an investigation into an individual selling drugs in a residential neighborhood in Rye. The investigation led to the arrest of a 23 year old Armonk resident. At the time of his arrest he was found in possession of 155 Cylinders of THC, 10 grams of THC wax, 35 grams of marijuana, over 40 THC edibles candy, and we seized \$10,000 dollars in cash.

Case Management breakdown of incidents requiring a Detective:

Assaults – 2

ABC Summonses – 5

Background Investigations – 37

Burglary – 6

Burglary Attempted – 1

Confidential Investigation – 7

Covid-19 Compliance - 7

Criminal Mischief – 20

DD Direct – 18

Fraud – 18

File 1 – 28

Harassment - 9

Juvenile – 24

Larceny – 21

Larceny from Motor Vehicle - 36

Lost and Found – 6

Property (safe keeping) – 3

RX Disposal – 12 months (255 lbs.)

Suicide – 2

Unattended Death – 5

Violation of Order of Protection – 4

Warrant (criminal) – 5

MARINE UNIT



Police Officer Christine Incalcaterra completed her first season as the commanding officer of the Police Department's Marine Division. The Division consists of one full time police officer and 5 part time Bay Constables.

The Marine Division patrols approximately 14 miles of Rye's shoreline and is responsible for enforcing local, state, and federal laws on and around its waterways. The Division also assists local and federal law enforcement agencies with search and rescue missions as well as persons or vessels in distress. The primary mission of the Marine Division is to ensure our residents and visitors have a safe and enjoyable recreational boating season. While the 2020 season was met with unique challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to complete this mission without incident.

The Marine division has 3 active vessels:

- PB1 is a 26 foot Glacier Bay purchased in 2001; this vessel has a catamaran styled hull and is the primary response vessel during severe weather events as well as search and rescue operations.
- PB2 is a 24 foot Boston Whaler "Brunswick Series" center console V shape hull vessel. This boat was obtained in 2013 through a grant from NYS Parks and Recreation Department. PB 2 was repowered and outfitted with 2 brand new Yamaha 200hp motors for the 2020 season.
- PB3 is a 12 foot inflatable boat purchased in 2015 along with a 15 HP four stroke Nissan motor. This vessel is maintained in a constant state of Ready for flooding events.

The Rye Police Marine Division reported the following activity during the 2020 boating season:

• Vessel Boarding's/Inspections	112
• Public events	5
• Assist Other Agency	16
• Search and rescue responses	31
• Navigational hazard responses	7
• Environmental conservation checks	63
• Field training exercises	13
• Navigation & Encon Law summonses	11
• Parking summonses	69
• Property Checks	855





TRAINING

In a continued commitment to the residents of the City of Rye and the City of Rye Police Officers the police department places a strong emphasis on officer training. Training continues to heighten our skill level and professionalism. Due to ever changing laws, statutes and advancement in technology, training is a necessity in the law enforcement profession. Our department's training program is also tailored to fit the specific needs and problems within our community. The very nature of policing requires officers to interact with the general public, and they should have problem-solving skills, while being polite and professional at the same time.

2020 started off as a routine year with planning and scheduling our annual training. In February we were able to get all of our officers recertified in First Aid, CPR, AED, Narcan and Tactical tourniquet training. Then in March the pandemic hit and put a complete stop to all training. All of the educational and training facilities that we had used in the past were now closed, no in-person training was being offered anywhere. While dealing with the new constraints of the pandemic we were able to restructure portions of our training curriculum and offer the training through various webinars. We registered the department with various training sites so that officers could then access the webinars along with webinars distributed by DCJS and other agencies that we are affiliated with.

Some of our training could not be done through webinar based programs. In June we needed to conduct our firearms training for handguns. We were fortunate this year to replace all of our duty weapons which were nearing the end of their in-service life cycle. We were able to utilize our indoor range to conduct the training of all of our officers on the new duty weapon while still maintaining our Covid-19 protocols. Again, in October we were fortunate to be able to utilize the outdoor range in Harrison to have all of our officers trained and recertified in the use and deployment of our long guns. Despite the pandemic hurdles we had to overcome the

officers of the City of Rye Police Department participated in 2,869 hours of training. This training encompassed all areas of Law Enforcement to include general, specialized and management level courses. The City of Rye Police Department is a New York State Accredited agency and one of the obligations of maintaining that standard is to participate in annual training. The New York State Accreditation standard mandates twenty one hours of annual training per officer. In an agency of 37 officers you can see we far exceeded that standard with an average of 77.5 hours per officer even with the limitations we were put under due to Covid-19. This commitment to training highlights how dedicated we are to always striving to be the best we can be.

The Police Department continues its commitment to our community partners. We participate with the Rye City School District to conduct lock down drills at all of their school buildings numerous times throughout the year. We work jointly with the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department in patrolling the Rye Neck High School. We continue to support our private schools like Rye Country Day School and all the parochial nursery schools through our Adopt A School program.

As part of our effort to stay up to date on NYS law and criminal procedure such as the “Raise the Age” law, “Bail Reform” and the new Discovery requirements we have conducted trainings with the Westchester County District Attorney’s office.

Some of the training that we conducted and participated in was:

- Search and Seizure laws
- Penal Law – Article 35
- Radar & Lidar training
- CPR & AED (Automated External Defibrillator)
- TECC
- NARCAN
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Firearms – pistol, shotgun and AR-15
- TASER/OC
- E justice
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- DWI detection and arrest
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Active Shooter response
- Barricaded subjects

- Traffic safety/Pedestrian safety
- Field Training Officers
- Marine Law Enforcement
- Personal Water Craft Operator
- Animal Cruelty
- Juvenile Police Officer
- Interview/Interrogation
- Aquatic Death Investigation
- Video system Training
- CODE RED
- Implicit Bias
- Vehicle Concealment
- Crisis Intervention
- Combating Heroin
- Domestic Violence
- Counter Terrorism
- Elder Abuse
- Child abuse
- Legal Updates
- Animal Cruelty
- Social Network Investigations
- Evidence Photography
- Workplace Violence
- Sexual Harassment/Assault



AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

Members of the Auxiliary Police Unit performed 856 hours of service during 2020. These hours are dedicated to supplement the active duty staff at events; providing additional staffing at road races, walk-a-thons, parades, and community events throughout the year. This Unit is also available to assist when major storms affect the city. Service hours are noticeably down due to the pandemic. Many canceled events throughout the city limited the deployment of the Auxiliary Unit however, on-going patrols and trainings have kept the unit busy.



Membership in the unit during 2020 was as follows:

- 1 Auxiliary Police Coordinator
- 1 Auxiliary Assistant Coordinator
- 1 Auxiliary Police Lieutenants
- 3 Auxiliary Police Sergeants
- 11 Auxiliary Police Officers

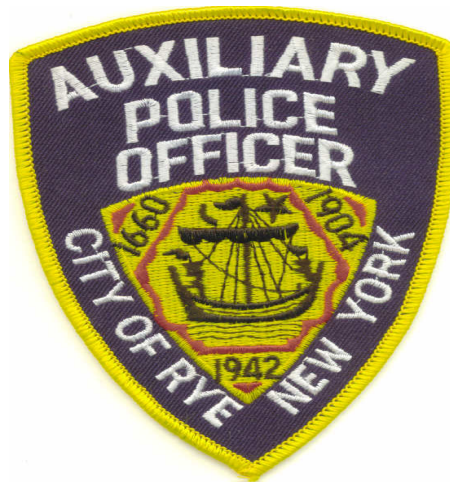
Sergeant Michael Larkin serves as Auxiliary Police Coordinator, assisted by Sergeant Edward Balls, the Auxiliary Assistant Coordinator. The Auxiliary Unit is currently down a

few officers through attrition and one Officer being deployed to Africa with the military.

Auxiliary Officers received annual retraining in the use of the baton, OC spray, firearms, as well as Article 35 of the New York State Penal Law. The members of the unit are also trained in First Aid and CPR/AED.

Specialized units, including a Bicycle, Recruitment, and Auxiliary Patrol Support units continue within the Auxiliary Police. These options are available to any member who has a particular talent or interest in these areas.

The members of the Auxiliary Police Unit provide Friday and Saturday night patrols of municipal buildings, City owned parks and parking lots acting as an extra set of eyes and ears keeping headquarters apprised of any issue they come across. The Auxiliary Police Unit continues to serve the Police Department and the City of Rye with distinction, acting as an ancillary resource for traffic and crowd control. This unit has proven to be a valuable source of assistance in the event of a large-scale emergency and community events.



EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT

In light of the attention focused on the City's emergency management capabilities in the aftermath of some catastrophic storms, the Department continues to take advantage of the 1033 Excess Property Program from the United States Department of Defense Law Enforcement Support office. This unit of the DoD provides law enforcement agencies with access to surplus federal property. The majority of our emergency management resources have been obtained through this program, which has provided an unprecedented opportunity to stockpile equipment at little or no cost to the City. We have never received any weapons from this program, our main focus is vehicles and equipment we can utilize for water rescue operations.

Vehicles

- 3 HUMVEE's
- 1 5-ton truck
- 5 inflatable boats
- 1 "John" style flat bottom boat
- 1 LMTV- mobile command center

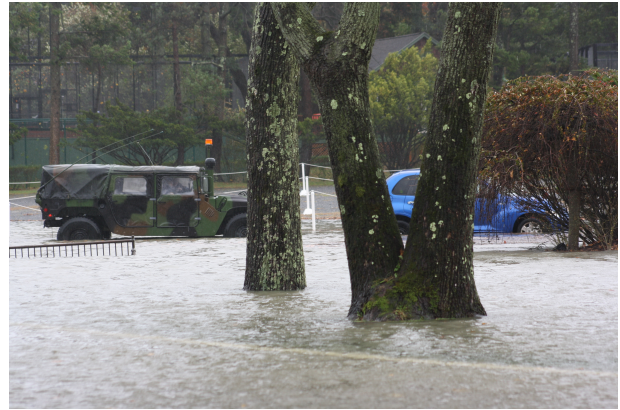
- 5 ATV's
- 2 large Forklifts w/man baskets

Generators

- Various generators with varying wattage

Communications in 2020

- Code Red continued to be the City of Rye's emergency medium for text messaging, emails and telephone call.
- Social media platforms; Facebook & Instagram



Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C)

- The E.O.C. is located at police headquarters and is used as a central location for all department heads, the city manager, mayor, and utility representatives to plan and respond to weather related emergencies.
- Emergency response equipment that provide the departments Special Operations Squad (S.O.S.) with everything from gloves to dry rescue suits.

**** Partnership with Southern Westchester Boces –** We had a great opportunity to work with the students from the Southern Westchester Boces Collision Technology Program. We have supplied them with two of our 1033 vehicles which they used during their body work and painting instruction. The students were very excited to work on vehicles they would normally not have access to and we could then incorporate the vehicles into our fleet with our fleet paint scheme. They did a great job!





CONCLUSION

The Rye police department received over 20,500 calls for service in 2020. These calls ranged from crimes, to alarms, requests for assistance, accidents and a variety of other issues too numerous to mention.

Training in the department is of upmost importance, many of our officers have received specialized training and are assigned to positions within the department that takes advantage of that training. Due to COVID, the department provided all necessary law enforcement and bias training via a web based education platforms.

The police department has partnered with the Westchester County Police RTC (Real Time Crime) Unit consisting of officers from around the county, and various other agencies including the FBI, NYPD, and several Putnam County departments. This group utilizes high tech equipment designed to monitor crimes in and around

the county. The utilization of this information allowed our detective division to solve several crimes which had occurred in Rye. Another aspect of this formation was the coordination of the political protests throughout Westchester County. Many of these demonstrations would move from location to location and agencies like Rye utilized their help in coordinating a safe event. Through RTC much of the information and utilization of resources was cohesive.

At the onset of the COVID restrictions, the central business district area of the Village was closed to public access. It was soon realized that the restaurants were in need of assistance as outdoor dining became a possibility. Many city employees went to great lengths to get this initiative accomplished which resulted in restricting vehicular traffic and outdoor dining began. The downside to restricting Purchase Street to only foot traffic, was complaints of bicycling, skateboarding and other adolescent congregating. The City's Police Officers designated this area as the "get out of the car area" to engage with the youths, as it was understood they were bored with being quarantined and no school activities.

Our Parking Enforcement Officers continue to do an outstanding job keeping our parking areas free from blatant violators. Many times they are used to assist the police with traffic control at accidents, funerals and crime scenes. This year was less busy due to the shelter in place mandates as we saw very few parking violations until the outdoor dining was put in place. Both Parking Enforcement officers have worked for the Police Department for many years and rolled very well with the COVID punches this year.

Behind the scenes at Police Headquarters we have two civilians that provide a tremendous amount of support. One is an accountant who handles the budget, purchasing, accounts payable, and participates with HR in the hiring process. The other is an office assistant who handles crime reports, serves as FOIL officer and assists with records and burglar/fire permits.

As we look forward to 2021, with the New York State Police Department Reform there will be new challenges and changes to law enforcement. These changes will impact the community, the officers, and courts as law enforcement practices will be closely monitored and evaluated. Along with Bail Reform the state has also initiated new Discovery laws and rules which have been time consuming with very narrow standards. In all instances, the officers of this Department are willing to step up to meet these challenges. It is our hope that the COVID Pandemic will slow down as vaccinations become available and we can return to a new normal.

Training will still be a high priority to help the police meet community expectations. As always we will continue to explore ever changing technologies to better enhance our skills. The Rye Police will remain involved in the County, State and National programs such as: Stop DWI, Click it or Ticket, Speed Enforcement and numerous others.

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